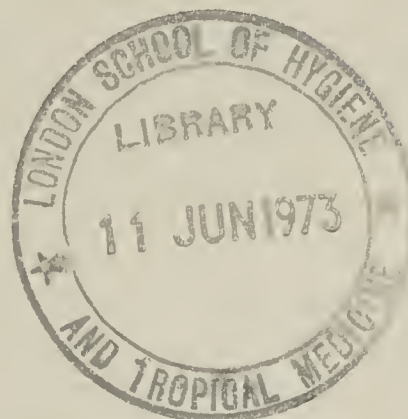


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WINSLOW RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and of the

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

and

SURVEYOR

for the year

1970



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Drayton Parslow
Dunton
East Claydon
East Claydon
Granborough
Great Horwood
Hoggeston
Hogshaw
Hogshaw
Hogshaw
Little Horwood
Mursley
Nash
Nash
Newton Longville
Newton Longville
Newton Longville
North Marston
Shenley Brook End
Stewkley
Stewkley
Swanbourne
Tattenhoe
Tattenhoe
Whaddon
Winslow
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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS FOR 1970

Medical Officer of Health
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Housing Committee

Chairman Miss E.M. Johnson
Vice Chairman Cclr. W.J. Hanson.

Finance, Rating and General Purposes Committee

Chairman Cclr. J. Morton.
Vice Chairman Cclr. J.T.R. Phillips.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for 1970.

Personal Health Services

The Winslow Health Centre, having been formally opened at the end of 1969, can now be regarded as a firmly established feature of Winslow. Coinciding with the opening were several other important changes in local health service organisation, but the alterations were made easier because they took place at the same time.

One important aspect of assessing the value of any service is to gauge consumer reaction, in particular whether he is getting the sort of service he requires. From the comments received, that have been made spontaneously, it appears that the facilities and services are appreciated. Of course the centre will develop further as the needs and money enable it. For example I anticipate chiropody sessions for the elderly whenever a chiropodist can be enlisted. However it develops I hope we can maintain the personal atmosphere that has been fostered, and that the centre will serve a wide range of the health needs of the community. The first year of use has certainly shown a surprising need.

Health Education

Emphasis was given to a Cancer education programme including publicity on the dangers of cigarette smoking and offering practical help to people who were prepared to make the effort to shake off the addiction. The anti-smoking clinic was not the success I had hoped it would be in terms of attendance. Only 52 people enrolled (many of these were not local) the results of such an exercise cannot of course be evaluated until sometime has passed to take account of those who relapse and start smoking again. However, after one year we know that only six remained non-smokers. Of those who had taken up the habit again, the most prominent reasons for doing so were the influence of friends, and advertising. I do not intend resuming these clinics until sufficient time has elapsed for us to make a proper judgement on whether our methods are indeed of any value. The most important principle is to try and persuade adults to set an example to children so that they do not fall into the grip of this dangerous habit.

Communicable Diseases

The Brucellosis Incentives Scheme was launched on 13th July and owners of clean herds were invited to come forward for early accreditation. The government was to announce the first areas for compulsory eradication in 1971. One hope for rapid progress in the scheme so that the brucella organism is cleared from the country for good. Owners of clean or relatively clean herds should gain by voluntary accreditation under this scheme rather than by awaiting compulsory eradication. A new "Rose Bengal" test to be undertaken free of charge will simplify blood tests.

Measles vaccination, after a hold-up lasting many months was resumed though it was doubtful whether sufficient vaccine could be administered in time to prevent the normal epidemic due at the end of the year. Rubella (german measles) vaccine became available generally and a scheme was launched to offer this to all

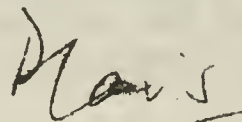
13 year old girls. The response was fairly good. The aim is to try and ensure that all girls are resistant to the disease before pregnancy occurs; we are not yet aiming to clear the virus from the community. It is not a vaccine to use on adults where there is the remotest possibility of pregnancy near the time of vaccination.

Basic public health work still occupies the greatest proportion of time, and sampling of water and certain foods increases. From the report it will be seen that the water supply was satisfactory. There is still a great deal of work to be done on sewerage in the district, but progress is being made as fast as central government allows.

I must thank the public health committee for the continued interest they show in the work of the department.

I am,

Your Obedient Servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Davis', written over a horizontal line.

Medical Officer of Health.

VITAL STATISTICS

		<u>1970</u>	<u>1969</u>
<u>Births</u>			
Live Births:	(Legitimate)		
	Males	104	86
	Females	88	83
	(Illegitimate)		
	Males	6	1
	Females	4	3
	Total	202	173
Still Births		2	4
Birth Rate (corrected) Winslow		23.2	20.2
England and Wales		16.0	16.3
<u>Deaths</u>			
Deaths:	Males	65	78
	Females	68	75
	Total	133	153
Death rate (corrected) Winslow		8.3	10.0
England and Wales		11.7	11.9
<u>Miscellaneous</u>			
Area (in acres)			36,436
Population		9,920	9,770
Number of inhabited houses at 31st December 1969 according to rate book		3,409	3,310
Rateable Value		£318,342	£304,717
Sum represented by penny rate		£1,299	£1,270
<u>Principal Causes of Death</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	1	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	1	1	2
Malignant Neoplasm neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	4	-	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	5	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	2	-	2
Other Malignant Neoplasms	1	3	4
Diabetes Mellitus	1	-	1
Avitaminoses, etc.	-	1	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System	1	1	2
Hypertensive Disease	3	-	3
Ischaemic Heart Disease	11	11	22
Other Forms of Heart Disease	7	5	12
Cerebrovascular Disease	9	13	22
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	5	4	9
Influenza	2	-	2
Pneumonia	6	15	21
Bronchitis and Emphysema	7	4	11
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	-	2	2
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	1	-	1
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	-	1	1
Congenital Anomalies	1	-	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	-	1
All other Accidents	1	1	2
Total all Causes	65	68	133

PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES

Ambulance Service Administered by Bucks County Council from Aylesbury with a sub-station at Bletchley serving the north of the area, with a base at Buckingham.

Hospital Under the Oxford Regional Board. Patients are generally treated at Aylesbury. Outpatient facilities are also available in certain specialities at Bletchley, Buckingham and Wolverton.

Health Visiting Superintendent - Mrs. D.L. Marrett at Area Health Office.
Health Visitors (some of whom combine their duties with general nursing) are based in the district.

District Nursing/Midwifery Area Superintendent - Mrs. C.M. Riley Area Health Office, Bletchley. Four nurses are stationed within the district.

Social Workers (Medical, Welfare, Blind, Mental Health) Area Officer - Mr. P.K. Smith at Area Health Office.

Home Help Service Area Organiser - Mrs. M.A. Goldsmith (At Area Office). Assistant Organiser (Winslow District) Mrs. Frances.

Industrial Unit (for subnormals) Whaddon Way, Bletchley.

Child Health Clinics Clinics are held at regular intervals at Winslow, Stewkley and Newton Longville in hired halls. The mobile clinic visits Great Horwood, Little Horwood, Mursley, Drayton Parslow, Swanbourne, Nash Whaddon and Shenley.

Dental Clinic Treatment is offered to children and expectant mothers at Bletchley, Buckingham and Aylesbury. In addition the dentist visits schools regularly.

Health Education Area Organiser - Mr. T. Watson at Area Health Office.

School Health Service Administered from Area Health Office, Bletchley. This includes arrangements for examination of pupils in accordance with the Education Act, 1944, ascertainment of handicap and arranging appropriate treatment. The Child Guidance Clinic is situated at Whalley Drive, Bletchley, B.C.G. vaccination against tuberculosis is carried out in the schools as well as polio, diphtheria tetanus measles and rubella antigens.

Health Centre Avenue Road, Winslow (tel: 2215)

Childrens Department Area Child Care Officer: Miss J.M. Walker. (At Area Office).

Contraception Advice Family Planning Clinics held at Whalley Drive and Katrine Place Health Clinics, Bletchley, and the Meacham Clinic, Wolverton. For appointments telephone Bletchley 2285.

Marriage Guidance Sessions held at Whalley Drive Clinic, Bletchley. For appointments tel: Bletchley 4500.

Cervical Cythology By private doctor or at local authority clinics (tel: Bletchley 4701 for appointment).

Occupational Therapy 226 Queensway, Bletchley.

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A - SEWERAGE

Existing Sewers and Disposal Works

During the year all works continued to function satisfactorily with the exception of that at Newton Longville where treatment became almost non-existent. The works was so overloaded and inadequate that heavy pollution of the brook occurred.

Schemes

After a delay of several weeks (due to change of Contractor) progress was continued with the Nash, Whaddon and Newton Longville scheme. The Council's decision made during the year, to connect all properties to the new sewers free of charge was, I feel, a sensible move. Connections and re-connections of properties always create numerous problems and in this instance with all of Nash having to be pumped it gave the opportunity of ensuring as far as is possible that all surface water was excluded from the sewer system.

B - PUBLIC CLEANSING

Refuse Collection and Disposal

The normal weekly service was maintained for most of the year. On the one or two occasions when we suffered some disruption the cause was shortage of labour due to sickness. The collection bonus scheme continues to operate reasonably well and I hope that we shall not need to make any major alterations to this during the remaining life of the Council.

The tip at Stewkley was maintained in good order throughout the year all refuse being covered almost immediately on arrival at the site.

Streets Cleansing - Winslow

The only highways cleansed by the Council are as follows and these together with the Market Square are done at the latter end of each week. A litter collection is also carried out in the High Street on Mondays.

- (a) High Street
- (b) Station Road
- (c) Buckingham Road
- (d) Sheep Street
- (e) Horn Street

C - BUILDING CONTROL

Building control throughout the district is exercised by the Council. During the year 194 (previous figure 178) applications were received. A large proportion of time continues to be spent on visits and inspections to ensure compliance with the Building Regulations.

D - PLANNING CONTROL

Under the Delegation Agreement made between the Council and the County Council certain functions of the Town and Country Planning Acts are exercised by the District Council.

During the year 222 planning applications were deposited with the Council.

The number of applications received during the ten years prior to 1970 were as follows:-

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Applications</u>
1969	210
1968	233
1967	247
1966	226
1965	236
1964	213
1963	179
1962	193
1961	198
1960	125

E - SWIMMING POOLS

There is one swimming pool in the district (at Stewkley) and this is privately owned. It is, however, open to the public during the season and regular sampling of the water takes place both by the owner and the Council to ensure that a satisfactory standard is maintained.

F - RODENT CONTROL

The control of rodents throughout the district is undertaken by one operative who is employed jointly by Wing and Inslow Rural District Councils. During the year the following inspections and treatments were carried out.

	<u>Surveys</u>	<u>Treatments</u>
Dwellinghouses	1134 (76)	186
Agricultural Properties	125 (10)	42
Business Properties	44 (8)	17

The figures in brackets are the numbers of properties surveyed as the result of notification of infestation. The Council's refuse tip at Stewkley and all sewage disposal works have been regularly inspected and treated when necessary.

During the year the usual testing and treating of public sewers took place and only very minor infestations had to be dealt with.

G - OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The number of registered premises at the end of 1970 remained at 34. At least one visit was paid to each of these premises during the year, and the premises generally complied with the provision of the Act.

The total number of employees employed in registered premises was 224.

H - HOUSING IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (DISCRETIONARY AND STANDARD)

During the year six applications for discretionary grants were received and approved. Grants totalling £3,105 were agreed.

During the year the Council agreed to make Standard Grants to a maximum of £8,425.

1969	£8,122-0
1968	£5,013-0
1967	£3,917-0
1966	£2,744-0
1965	£2,319-0
1964	£5,160-0

	<u>1970</u>	<u>1969</u>
(a) Number of applications received	34	32
(b) Number of applications approved	34	31
(c) Number of applications withdrawn	0	0
(d) Number of applications refused	0	1

Of the above applications fourteen were higher limit grants.

COUNCIL HOUSES

The number of houses owned by the Council at the 1st April 1971 was:-

Pre-War	212.
Post-War	606.
Total	818.

UNFIT HOUSES

- (a) Number of houses demolished during the year 2.
(b) Number of houses closed during the year 0.
(c) Number of houses made fit as result of statutory action . 1.
(previously under Closing Order)

I - WATER SUPPLIES

Water supply throughout the district is the responsibility of the Bucks Water Board and I am indebted to them for the following information.

1. Supply throughout the district has been at all times satisfactory as regards both quantity and quality.
2. Regular samples of water were taken during the year and the results of these indicated that the water supplied conformed to the high standard of that required by any public supply authority.
3. There is no tendency to plumbo-solvency.

All parishes in the district are supplied with water from public mains and apart from a few isolated farms and other properties the majority of the population are served.

J - FACTORIES ACT, 1961

The following inspections were carried out during the year:-

	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occs. Pros.
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities	2	1	NIL	NIL
Factories not included in the above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	19	15	NIL	NIL
	21	16	NIL	NIL

K - FOOD

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

Premises throughout the district falling within the scope of the Regulations are summarised as follows:-

CATEGORY	NO.	Fitted to comply with Reg.16. (Wash Basins)	To which Reg. 19 applies (Sinks)	Fitted to comply with Reg.19 (Sinks)
Gen. Stores	29	29	29	29
Butchers	5	4	5	5
Greengrocers	3	3	3	3
Confectioners	9	9	-	-
Fishmongers	2	2	2	2
Public Houses	26	26	26	26
Cafes	3	3	3	3
Bakeries	2	2	2	2
Bread/Cakes	1	1	1	0
Works Canteen	1	1	1	1
School Kitchens	12	12	12	12
93		92	84	83

Slaughterhouses

There are no slaughterhouses within the district.

